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IMPORTANT questions concerning the mass movements were considered by a committee from several missions meeting in Northern India. Bible portions were selected for use among inquirers and Christians, to be printed for general circulation. Dr. Hartman, who traveled through India to establish Sunday Schools, writes of the mass movement as he saw it: "It is difficult for the Occidental mind, in the habit of thinking of religion in individualistic terms, to grasp the meaning of this peculiar phenomenon. The key to the whole matter, however, lies in the unique caste system of India. So closely are these people bound by the ties of caste, and so distinct and permanent are the separations between the various castes, that the individual is a greatly modified, and the group, a greatly emphasized, factor in every aspect of their life. So it is not very strange, after all, that they move together in answer to the Gospel invitation."

DR. Midzuko Takahashi, of Tokyo, the first woman physician ever given permission to practice in Japan, has been, for the last forty years, a noted figure in the Japanese medical world and a leading philanthropist. Dr. Takahashi was the pioneer of scientific education for women in her country, and she had to overcome secular traditions of almost irresistible force.

A PEKING shop displays this sign every Sunday: "To-day is worship day." This silent message proclaims a new idea to passers-by, who have always worked seven days in the week. Sunday is now observed as a day of rest in Chinese government offices and colleges.

THE *Indian Witness* reported that a band of Chinese Christian women in Shanghai have formed a social service league. They will open schools for poor children in different parts of the city. In the morning the members of the league will teach the children sewing and cleanliness of home and body. In the afternoon they will employ a teacher to instruct the children in reading, writing and Bible lessons.

AMONG those decorated by the Emperor of Japan, in honor of his coronation, are several Japanese Christians, three of whom were educated in this country, and one woman, Kajiko Yajima, President of the Japanese Christian Women's Temperance Society. All were decorated with the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

MISS Marguerite Dodds, going out to the Bridgman School in Shanghai, has secured her reservation on the Chiyo Maru, sailing December eighteenth from San Francisco. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, with some years' experience in teaching at the State School for Girls in Colorado. She has been interested in the Bridgman School through her friends, Miss Hall and Miss Abbey, and given her help and her influence for some time past, and is glad to take up this definite work in China now.

MISS Anna Koch, now under appointment as nurse in the Margaret Williamson Hospital, is to succeed Miss Miller, whose health has again broken down. She comes to us through Dr. McLean and has excellent recommendations, and will sail for China at the earliest opportunity.



OUR FIRST BIBLE SCHOOL IN SHANGHAI, CHINA.

IN EASTERN LANDS.

CHINA—SHANGHAI

NOTES FROM MY ITINERARY.

By MARY J. IRVINE

TO all who wish to join me on this trip, I extend a hearty invitation. We will travel by houseboat. You must bring your bed and enough food to last till our return. Do not forget the water either, enough for several days. We are all packed up ready for the journey, but what is our surprise to be informed that no boat can be secured! Going? Yes, go we must as soon as we have breakfast. Baggage and all, we hurry on to the ferry, two miles away. Along the stone-paved streets, crowded in the early morning with thousands of people, we zig-zag in and out, coming now and then to a deadlock. On reaching the river front every *mok deu* (ferry) is more crowded than the preceding one. We find obstacles removed, and we are just besieged by boatmen, eager to be hired. We have not been disappointed in looking to an all-guiding One to work on our behalf.

Our first stopping place is Wang Mien, a town we have often passed on our country trips. At the end of six or seven hours of

continuous rowing our men are glad to lay down their oars and have a rest, while we go on shore to distribute tracts and find hearers. Crowds of people surround us—men, women and children. Mr. K., an intelligent, educated young man in the crowd, is interested in our nationality as an American; he enters into friendly conversation, and says, "I personally believe the truths you are teaching. The people to whom you are speaking do not know that your country is a friend of China. Now, in this crisis of our country's history, America is our best friend." No one can listen to his spirited conversation without being strongly impressed with the new spirit of patriotism. This spirit is at its highest point these days.

Mu Sih Dung is reached in the evening. Here we visit the Ling family. The nearest place to this village, where there is a preaching hall, is six miles distant. The family are so occupied with business that this evening hour is the only time when we can have an opportunity to teach the Scriptures. We have the members of the family present, with the village school teacher, the latter eager to search our books for new ideas. This is an open door through which we can spread the Christian teaching. We are thankful to see that this teacher is eager to find out what Christianity is, what it teaches. The night is spent here.

We must make only a short visit. Six miles in the country beyond us lives Mrs. S., who is a Christian, the only one in her family. It is difficult to find the way through those winding, crooked canals, for our boatmen are not familiar with them. Finally we reach this old lady's home. Her son is a farmer, a good scholar, and an ardent admirer of Confucius. Since Christianity has come into the family, old superstitions have been taken away, but the teachings of that sage still hold first place in the heart of this young man.

To-day is Saturday, and we must reach Neu Wey, where we propose to remain over Sunday. Arrived in this old city early in the afternoon and went directly to the Yamen, having brought some books for this official, whom we had met on a former trip. The ladies in this home are very kind and intelligent. The youngest one of the company is most interested in our call, she having been a pupil in our Boarding School for a few months. We are served with refreshments immediately in the outer guest hall, according to good Chinese etiquette. Later we are invited to the private chamber. A lovely little court enclosed at the back, beautiful flowers and shrubs all looking their best. Here this family receives us for a half hour's visit, which will do much towards preparing our host for a perusal of those books. Much of this old city is still in ruins, although fifty years have elapsed since the Tai Ping rebellion.

This morning about six o'clock a young woman from the house in front of where our boat anchored for the night comes on board. She enters into confidential conversation with Mrs. S., our Bible woman. As her questions are answered and the subject continued, this hungry, seeking one opens her heart to the Gospel story in a wonderful way. This Jesus, of whom she has heard, becomes to her a living personality as she learns for the first time that she may share in this salvation.

The day following we are on our return journey home. Stopping at Deu Jao for a few hours, we are invited to visit the school, where there are a number of girls. The teacher studied in a mission school last year, and is anxious to secure the prospectus of our Girls' Boarding School. Twelve years or so ago we visited a hospital patient in this village and we find there is much more knowledge abroad now concerning what we teach than at that time. We travel by moonlight, as the route is direct to Shanghai. We have visited sixteen towns, villages and hamlets during our thirteen days' absence from home.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE IN CHINA

By ELIZABETH IRVINE

WE are living in a crucial period of missionary activity, and of national uncertainty as well. China has had many physicians in the past, and each one has proposed a different remedy—scientific knowledge, army revision, even the building of dreadnoughts has been advised as the thing to make China strong. Efficiency has become the watchword on all sides, until we are almost made to believe that "the survival of the fittest" is the only doctrine worth believing. The idea has perhaps reached its highest development in this country, and the present condition of China is the answer. In contrast to this I am reminded of a short sketch entitled, "Women and Children First," in a New York newspaper, showing the "higher law" by which every true Christian is actuated, and reminding us of the heritage which has come to us through contact with the living Christ, which is salvation.

Next in importance to the workman, are the tools he uses. In our Bible School and evangelist work we find ourselves greatly crippled by the lack of literature for free distribution; if we sow sparingly, we shall also reap sparingly. We are in need of money to purchase Bibles and good booklets which will be a help to inquirers, as well as for the deeper instruction of Christians who are in the church, but living in isolated country places, many of whom have not the fellowship of other Christians. An occasional visit or letter is their only opportunity to receive inspiration from kindred minds. Helpful literature to such as have not yet been taught along this line to realize the importance of regular Bible study would do much to inspire them and give a desire for self-help.

We have been hearing much about old forces in new China, but what we stand most in need of at this very hour is "a new force in new China." This is our opportunity as well as our privilege, and can only come through vital union with the Christ of resurrection power. China's leaders do not lack in the wisdom of this world, but they do lack in the wisdom of which Paul wrote in his epistle to the Corinthians.

We are greatly encouraged as we see the change that has been wrought in the lives of not a few whom we have helped in this way, and we have received in return grateful acknowledgment of the same. A few evenings ago, as we were about to retire for the

night, our gate opened and in walked Captain Lee, who wished to say good-bye, as he has been transferred to a town some little distance from Shanghai. Before leaving he wished to make arrangements for his baptism at our communion in October. The camp where he has been in charge is just across the way from us, and his wife and family are also our neighbors. My sister found them about eight months ago, and was impressed with their open-mindedness and their desire to cultivate friendly relations with us. Periodical visits have been made in the home, and as a result Captain Lee wishes now to take this step. Literature has been given and greatly appreciated. As I looked over our little store, to see what else might be given as a token of our interest, I was disappointed to find that we were at the end of our stock for such a reader. Captain Lee has been a student of Christianity for many years, so that it is no superficial or passing whim which has led him to confess Christ.

A few months ago the central government issued an edict requiring all military and naval officers to worship before the shrine of Kwanti, the god of war. One admiral refused and was dismissed; after a time he was reinstated. This led to a change being made, which does not make it binding on Christians. Though we only distribute books to those who manifest an interest, we find that a small stock quickly disappears. This, with an empty treasury, is a dark picture for the coming months, which are really the great sowing months of the year. What are we to do? Shall not the love of Christ constrain some one who reads these lines to help us spread freely the good seed of the Kingdom? "Freely ye have received, freely give."

INDIA CAWNPORE

SIDELIGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT

By CLARA M. BEACH

A KALEIDOSCOPE could hardly give more changes than a trip into the district, especially if you are fortunate enough to hit upon a time when some of the great festivals are "on" in the direction in which you are going. Traveling in India is an experience all by itself, and can be quite comfortable, or otherwise, according to conditions. I have been on this same journey with the utmost comfort and rest, but the day which I recall now, was quite the reverse, and

all because of a big Horse Fair near the town, to which we had to go by train. Usually a carriage for ladies is available on any line and in any class. In this case, because of the crush caused by the festival, we decided to go in the "Intermediate," which is between the second and third—one difference being that it has cushions on the board benches, whereas the third has none. This did keep us from being uncomfortably crowded, but it did not secure for us a carriage for "Ladies Only," and we found ourselves (two of us) in a car full of men, so that we could not take things easy as we always expect to do on this narrow gauge line, for usually the traffic is light. However, we felt ourselves very fortunate compared with the crowds who were packed like sardines in some of the cars, and others who could not even get standing room.

When at last we reached the station, we found that our troubles had just begun, for our real destination was some distance away, and ox-carts, which we needed to convey our tents and beds were not to be had because of the fair, but we were assured by the police that they would be available the next morning early, so it was decided that the missionary, his wife and two children should go on at once to the preacher's house in a very light vehicle called an "ekka," and we would follow the next morning, staying all night at the little bit of a station. Toward evening, while we were getting our supper and making final preparations for the night, who should appear but an Indian lawyer who had been trying a case in town and was to take a night train. He had received his education in India and in England, and had a fine command of the English language. He wanted to spend half the night at the station, but possession being nine-tenths of the law, and as we had to spend the whole night and were ladies, too, he betook himself to a settee on the outside of the waiting room and left us in peace. I did not feel comfortable to show him no hospitality, so when our supper was ready we went out and asked him to share it with us. To our amazement he accepted our invitation, and after supper we had a good talk with him. We soon found that he was an Arya Samajish, but not of the type one usually meets, for he listened attentively to all we had to say. Many questions came up, and two hours passed before we were aware of it. Generally our contact with this sect is far from pleasant, but here and there we find men who have passed from the stage of open opposition and are fair-minded enough to see the truths of Christianity, and are willing to hear them.

But to return. Before we rejoined our co-workers we had a fairly good night's rest, although passing trains, with crowds of people "going to the fair," and hosts of other strange noises, were disturbing. Before it was really daylight the Hindustani worker informed us that the ox-cart had arrived and the preparations for loading and getting on our journey were soon over, and the snail-paced journey began, for we traveled at the amazing rate of two miles an hour! However, we reached the desired village at last.

Do you ask what all this has to do with the preaching of the Gospel, aside from the interviews with the few individuals like the lawyer? I answer: This is one of the nearest districts open to us, and the easiest way to get to it at the present time. It is in this district that over one hundred and fifty baptisms have taken place this last winter; and that means that much opposition has been overcome, and that we are greatly encouraged. I have felt it would not be amiss to let you at home know this side of mission life, which is a many-sided work.

A SUMMER ACQUAINTANCE

By CLARA ALWARD

WHILE spending a week in a quiet mountain village, the only writer who could be recommended to us was the priest assigned to the temple service there. His duties evidently were not burdensome, for the temple had been rented to a missionary as a residence during the summer.

The priest came to us willingly, dressed as an ordinary villager, and did the work acceptably. After it was finished he wished to talk with us. He had spent some time in a larger city, had attended services at a Greek Catholic Church, had also heard speakers at Salvation Army meetings, and had read a number of leaflets about Christianity.

He said he knew all that was necessary to know about Buddhism, that he was doing the service of the temple only as a "business," but he wanted to know the truth about the Bible and Christianity. We gave him a few helps and a New Testament. Not having a new one with us, we asked the maid to part with her old one for him.

A few evenings later he called again. He had read more than half way through the Testament, but, missing a page, he wanted to hear the reading before we went away. While I read from my Roman character Testament he carefully copied the words, that he might

have all. Then he continued again with many questions, till he was called away. He came to say good-bye to us in the rain, and, according to the customary politeness, on my return home, after stopping in other places for evangelistic work, I found a "thank you" card waiting for me.

No doubt he is only one of many who does temple service as a "business" and covers a hungering heart with a priestly robe.

PERSONALS

China, Shanghai.—Dr. Garner writes: The good news of Dr. Whitmore's coming soon was a most welcome surprise, for we were feeling quite let down with Dr. Newell leaving us and Miss Miller away. We are very thankful that some of the nurses who are here had quite a little training under Miss Miller. Two of our protégés, who have finished school and were under Miss Miller, are most efficient, and we feel gratified that they are doing so well. They were left at the hospital many years ago, and seem glad to be of service now.

Pekin.—Mrs. Dauchy writes: The Panama Exposition in our own country is not the only one of the year, for in Chosen they are holding, during October, an exposition to commemorate the fifth year of annexation by Japan. An evangelistic hall has been opened by the missionaries in Seoul, quite near the grounds, for the purpose of attracting the many visitors who come there, and volunteers, both men and women, members of the Korean Christian Church, give freely of their time to labor with those crowds who come into the meetings. Thousands are being reached in this way, and many are accepting the Gospel message. Everything is full of interest. The street scenes, the vast crowds, the camel caravans, seen near the Temple of Heaven, all make us realize that this is indeed the Orient.

India, Jhansi.—Dr. Ernst writes: Both hospitals are filling up again since the cool season began; nine patients came in yesterday. Our district work consists in seeing patients in their homes at a distance and in having wayside dispensaries. I have had calls to three native states, in some instances making several visits lasting a day or more, and the fees thus secured will keep up the district work for the poor. We are constantly pleading with the kind Father to send us the workers who will enable our mission here to develop as it should. My heart is in this work, and you can think of me as striving to promote its welfare in every way.

HERE AND THERE

YEAR-END MESSAGES FROM OUR OFFICERS

"MY God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus." Once more, as the year draws to its close, we say to one another the same precious promise, tried and proved, for again we face the new year with every obligation paid. Yet God has tried our faith in many ways and called us often to specific prayer.

In the year 1915 many unusual expenses have had to be met. Missionaries going to India must travel by way of Japan and China owing to war conditions, involving an extra outlay on each ticket. We have sent out six missionaries and returned three during the year, four of these being new recruits requiring the regular allowance for outfits also. All additions to our force, so much needed for the advancement of the work, mean larger expenses for outfit, for traveling and for support.

We do close the year free from debt, thanks to some of God's stewards, who hold themselves and their money at His disposal, but may we not, in the year to come, share with every one of our friends this responsibility? The year 1915 will ever have its priceless memories of the days brightened by the presence of dear Miss Doremus. Before its close, let us, in loving remembrance, make a prayerful resolve to interest new friends, who shall carry on the work to which she gave her life for Jesus' sake.

In this last month of the year we thank God for all His goodness, and take courage, knowing that He is faithful who hath promised.

Our needs for the coming year are pressing—a consecrated Christian and efficient surgeon for the hospital in Jhansi to assist Dr. Ernst in this growing work; a doctor for the Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai before Dr. Woods' furlough in 1917; a doctor for Fātehpur to take Dr. Spencer's place when she returns next year.

In India we need also a missionary to help Miss Bertsch at Allahabad, and one fitted for special work in the Rescue Home at Fātehpur, but, most of all, a trained teacher for Cawnpore, where our large Orphanage requires some one to learn its ways before Miss Webb's furlough in 1917. Miss Beach will be return-

ing next spring. In China there is a call for a Bible teacher and evangelist for the Matilda Douw Foundation. The Girls' School at Yokohama requires a young woman, college-trained, to direct the music, to help in teaching Bible and English classes, and to answer the call of many demands in the life of a missionary in Yokohama.

We need in all our stations earnest Christian women, young, strong, trained and efficient, with healthy minds in healthy bodies, aglow with love for God and for His children, zealous for the honor of their Lord and Master who has called them to go into all the world with the Gospel message.

A TRIBUTE

THERE died recently in this country one who was, during his residence of some fifty years in China, a warm friend of the *Woman's Union Mission* in Shanghai; who attended to much of the Society's business as regards property, and was ever an interested and a wise counsellor. I refer to Mr. John F. Seaman.

His first work for the Mission was in connection with the Bridgman Memorial Home and School, a legacy from Mrs. Bridgman. It was to Mr. Seaman that the late Dr. S. Wells Williams wrote shortly before his death: "I want to leave four thousand dollars Mexican, to the Woman's Union Mission." How well I remember the morning in Mr. Seaman's office, when this letter was read to me, and when Mr. Seaman said, "Dr. Williams' children must decide to what branch of the work this money is to go. I shall not influence them in any way whatever." As is known, they decided that the hospital should have a ward, to be named for their illustrious father.

Later the piece of land, now known as *Stevenside*, was advertised for sale. I shall not soon forget the early morning call Mrs. Yates made to the hospital, and her saying, "Johnny sent me out to say you ladies must have that property." Mrs. Yates was the beloved mother of Mrs. Seaman. This was the only available property anywhere near the hospital, and the two medical workers in charge had very cramped quarters in the Bridgman Home. I said to Mrs. Yates, "That place is too nice for us, even if it be sold at a great sacrifice." This was in the fall of 1888. In February of '89 Miss Stevens said to me, at her home in Princeton, "I am going to provide a home for you medical workers." An

article in the LINK some months before had led her to this decision, and not only was this home given, but also a ward, which bears her name and which served as a maternity ward for many years.

In August, 1898, when the main hospital building was burned down, and the leading Shanghai daily opened up a subscription for its rebuilding, it was Mr. Seaman who took care of all moneys subscribed, and gave valuable suggestions as regards the plans for this new building, which was occupied in eleven months after, the money subscribed, together with the insurance, covering all expenses incurred.

Mr. Seaman, the good, kind, able Christian business man, "rests from his labors, and his works follow him," as one who knew him for more than thirty years can testify.

ELIZABETH REIFSNYDER, M.D.

FIFTY YEARS OF EVANGELISM IN CHINA

THE jubilee of the China Inland Mission takes place this year. In the sphere of evangelism it has been one of the instruments that God has raised up for the carrying on of His purposes in the world.

It was in the year 1865 that the final step was taken which led to the formation of the mission. Hudson Taylor had gone out to China in 1853, and after seven years of service there had been obliged to return to England because of impaired health. Knowing the needs of the great unreached interior, and the difficulties almost amounting to impossibilities of reaching its perishing millions, he felt the compulsion of God upon him to return, but not alone, and we find him praying on the sands of Brighton for "twenty-four willing, skilful laborers" to go forth with him to China. Having presented his petition, he realized that the burden of responsibility had passed into God's hands; and with a free and rejoicing heart he set himself to the fulfilment of the ministry which God had laid upon him.

It was September, 1866, when he arrived in Shanghai, accompanied by his band of pioneer missionaries; and he immediately sought to secure a center where they might engage in the study of the language, and from which the work could spread out in the future. This was found in the large city of Hangchow; and it was from here that the new workers began to reach out to the regions beyond, until, by the efforts of themselves and others, the remotest provinces of the empire were reached.

It was in the year 1876 that the famous Chefoo Convention was signed by Sir Thomas Wade and Li Hung-Chang, recognizing for the first time the right of foreigners to travel in the interior, and the obligation of the Chinese government to afford them protection. Simultaneously, a band of missionaries was sent out to press into the great beyond, and long journeys were made to the north, the west, and the south, into regions wholly unoccupied. Following upon these preliminary journeys, settled work was opened up in far distant parts of the vast interior, until every province in China was occupied.

The development of leaders in the church is probably the most important feature of the work at its present stage. In many stations classes are held during the winter season, when systematic instruction in the Scriptures is given. The continued growth of the church has necessitated considerable increase in educational work, and it is interesting to see that the Chinese are showing an increasing interest in this aspect of the work and becoming more ready to contribute towards the cost of it. It is largely among those who are educated in these schools that we must look for those who will be able to enter upon a still fuller training, and so become the teachers of the churches.

There never was a time in the history of the mission when the outlook was more promising than it is at present. The minds of the Chinese are open for the reception of new ideas. There is a widespread consciousness that, as a nation, they have much to learn; and thus the opportunity of bringing the Gospel to bear upon them is unprecedented.—*Condensed.*

A CHINESE typewriter has recently been invented which has forty-two hundred characters and three keys. It can make fifty thousand letters and characters by combination. In *China's Millions*, a writer says of this complicated written language: The life-story of Chinese writings is the history not of a series of inventions, but of a slow and continuous development, and one who knows can observe both the vigor and subtlety of intellect of an ancient race in this Eastern script. Chinese characters are the progressive result of an effort to make speech visible. They are the shadows cast by spoken words while those words still live. They are the echoes of one-time spoken words, when those words no longer have a vocal habitation and a name, but have sunk for ever into the silence of disuse.



TYPICAL SCENE IN JAPAN.

FOR MISSION BANDS.

SOWING TIME IN HAKONE

By MARY E. TRACY

I WISH that I could take you all to see the pretty little village where some of us spent our vacation days. Nestled among the grassy mountains and on the shore of the beautiful Lake Hakone is the little town of the same name.

On clear days Mt. Fuji raised its lovely cone above the nearer hills, and we never tired of the changing but always lovely pictures that we saw from our little house.

A Japanese house, furnished with the beds, tables and chairs that we foreigners cannot dispense with, is really a charming dwelling for the summer, with its open sides and cool-looking rooms.

There are many delightful walks and all-day excursions to the lovely wood-surrounded Temple of Gougen, the hot springs of Ashinoyu, and the valley of the Great Boiling, a desolate place, with pools of hot sulphur water and steam breaking out here and there, reminding one, in a small way, of our own Yellowstone Park.

But you will be interested not only in these pleasure trips, but still more in the Christian

work we tried to do. Finding that no Christian meetings were being held in the town, we decided to start a Sunday School on Sunday morning, and to open a woman's meeting on Sunday afternoon. It is not difficult to gather children, for there are always plenty of them to be found anywhere in Japan, and we had from thirty-five to fifty little youngsters each Sunday morning. The difficulty was in getting them to come on time, and of getting the same children to come regularly.

A young Christian Japanese girl was a great help in the teaching, and we can only pray that some of the stories that they heard about Jesus may be kept in their hearts to bear fruit. One thing that the children did learn, and that was to sing the Japanese version of "Jesus Loves Me" with great gusto.

The woman's meeting proved to be a problem. A few old women came in and sometimes two old men, but the younger women in the village could always find some good excuse. However, the audience that gathered was an interested one, and we can hope that the seed planted will bear fruit.

In talking with the two old Christian men, who sometimes came to the meetings, I was interested to hear that they had first heard of

Christianity from Mrs. Pierson of Yokohama, one of our earliest missionaries and the founder of our Bible School. Mrs. Pierson used to go regularly to Hakone for meetings years ago, and we find that she is still remembered by these old Christians as their first teacher.

Some of the missionaries of our household also made two interesting trips to a village about four miles away, where no Christian work was being done. Going unannounced and for only a stay of a few hours, they were able to gather twelve or fifteen people, who listened most eagerly to the good news, which was new to almost all.

Only a little sowing could be done, but if there were only more time and more workers and greater strength, how much could be done in these villages scattered all over this land. The people are, many of them, ready to hear, but the workers are too few. We ask your prayers that more workers may be sent, and that those of us who are here may be encouraged to sow in the hard places of rural Japan.

IN AN ALLAHABAD ZENANA

By EDITH PICKARD

"GOOD-MORNING, Miss Sahib! I have had my bath early to-day and am ready for you." is the greeting I received on a Friday morning at 6:30 from a Brahmin woman, who has a family of five children. Her heart and soul are in her studies, for she is anxious to be able to read the Gospel for herself. Presently her little boy of four years comes running in, lisping, "My heart is fixed at the feet of Jesus." The mother looks up smiling and says, "He is always singing this bhajan (hymn); it sounds so sweet from his lips. When I am doing my work in the mornings I sing it, and the children have learnt off the first line." This bhajan is one of her favorites. Another one she delights in and does not fail to have me sing with her every week is, "I am very helpless without Thee." The other day, after her Scripture lesson was over and I stopped to sing, she looked up smiling and said, "I don't want you to stop. When you talk about Christ my heart gets so full I want to go on hearing about Him. The more I hear these things the more I am leaving off our useless customs and observances." Just then another pupil of mine, of the Kayasth caste, came in rather late, as she had been to the Ganges to bathe. The

Brahmin woman looked up at her and said, "What benefit can you get from the Ganges water? Our hope lies in God and in His Son, the Saviour." The Kayasth woman looked surprised, but did not answer.

THE GOOD TIME COMING

By ANNE G. HALL

THE Bridgman School has opened, and the pupils have just flocked in. This time we had over a hundred the opening day. There are not desks enough in our big schoolroom for the girls who live here to study at night. We have had to give up one of our rooms in the dwelling to put in eight more beds. We are managing to squeeze in sixty-three girls as boarders. Of course most of the primary pupils are day scholars, but there are quite a number of day pupils in the Intermediate Department also. They pay tuition, and we have to have a certain number of teachers anyway and might as well make the classes a little larger.

We have ten girls in our first-year Normal High School, which we launch this fall. What will we do for room next fall, when we have the two high school classes?

This is going to be the very best year of all. We are so happy over it and so deep in it, and we can hardly wait for Marguerite Dodds to come. We are going to miss Mrs. Chen, our head teacher, who is now at Mt. Holyoke. We have nine girl teachers, besides ourselves and one man teacher for the high school girls, as we want their Chinese to be the best possible. Please pray, especially for these students, that they may all become Christians (seven already are), and have the "abundant life" in useful and practical and earnest service.

IN the Girl's Trimetrical Classic, an ancient primer on the duties of girls, these injunctions are laid down. "In the mother's home: Rise early, dress, wash, prepare food, be diligent with the needle; if reproved by father or mother, do not answer back; if you borrow, be particular about an early return. As rules for table etiquette there are the following: Do not rattle your chop-sticks against the rice bowl, nor throw bones on the floor. Further, if a man should happen to appear above the horizon there is the rule, turn your back on him."

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Total,	600 00	N. Y.—Brooklyn, Woman's Guild (Ch. of Pilgrims), for pupil, 40.00; Mrs. Ralph Cutter, for Evangelistic Work under Miss Irvine, 100.00,	140 00
CALCUTTA		Md.—Baltimore Br., Miss E. M. Bond, Treas., Mrs. Onderdonk, for pupil, 15.00; Mr. A. N. Bastable, for scholarship, 40.00,	55 00
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